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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1879.

MAIL.

Established February, 1845,

日八月二年卯己

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGER, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET & Co., 39, Cornhill; GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C.; BATES, HENDY & Co., 1, Old Jewry, E.C.; SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.
PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSY, 18, Rue Monsieur, Paris.
NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.
SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZEN & Co., Manila.
CHINA.—Macao, MESSRS A. A. DE MELLO & Co., SWATOW, CAMBELL & Co., AMOY, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., FOOCHEW, HEDGES & Co., SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, YOKOHAMA, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....1,300,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—Hon. W. KESWICK,
E. B. BELMONT, Esq.
H. L. DALBYMPLE, Esq.
H. HOFFITUS, Esq.
A. MOYER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong,.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai,.....EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposit—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum,
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBLE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$800,000,
RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000,
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 8 months, 3 per cent. per annum,
" 12 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of October, Dr EASTLACE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 60, Queen's Road Central, over the MEDICAL HALL, Hongkong, September 28, 1879.

RECENTLY ARRIVED, AND FOR SALE.

RODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.
WATELOW's and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.
DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.
TABLE GLASSWARE.
GENT'S TOOL CHESTS.
CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.
CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-STICKS.
SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).
TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.
ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.
MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.
COPPER WIRE GAUZE.
SPIRIT LEVELS.
INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Sizes.
INSERTION RUBBER, Assorted Sizes.
INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.
INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.
CANVAS DELIVERY HOSE.
LEATHER BELTING.

A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS,
INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.
EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

PRESERVATION BOOKS.

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC and SONGS,
by First-class Composers.

OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES.

Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE FRANDS.

(A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.)

BRANDIES, GIN.

LIQUEURS.

ALES.

&c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co.,

SOLE Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

A 58-inch SINGER & Co.'s "SPECIAL CHALLENGE" BICYCLE, quite new.

PATENT BEARINGS.

DOUBLE BRAKE, & EXTRAS.

Will be sold under Invoice Price; owner leaving Colony.

Apply to SAYLE & Co.,

Where Machine can be seen.

Hongkong, March 3, 1879.

FOR SALE.

COKE,.....\$7.50 per Ton.

TAR,.....7 Cts. per Gallon.

Apply to GAS WORKS,

West Point.

Hongkong, March 6, 1879.

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Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the

EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING

of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above

Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE,

Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY,

the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'CLOCK P.M., for

the purpose of receiving the Report of the

Directors, together with a Statement of

Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from 10th March to the

24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

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DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI

during the Summer Months, leaving

Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.



Established February, 1845,

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1879.

MAIL.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of One POUND STERLING (21 Shgs.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER

MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS

AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. my20

N O T I C E .

A NY CLAIMS against the British Barque "JAMES SHEPHERD" must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon of TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1879. my11

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

T U E S D A Y ,

the 11th of March, 1879, at 11 o'clock

a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,

Sundries condemned NAVAL and V

ICUALLING STORES, comprising:—
Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Iron

Tanks, Leather Hoses, Canvas, Lamps,

Lanterns, Glass, Clocks, Boats, etc., etc.

Sundry Provisions, Clothing, etc.

4 Tins each 4 gal. Ether.

And,

2317 lbs. Tobacco.

1000 Blankets.

TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.
All lots, with all faults and errors of

description, at purchasers' risk on the fall

of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr F. GROBIEN in our Firm CEASES To-day.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jy1

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Venice* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879. mal4

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. AMAZONE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indie*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 14th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Ex "Ae."

H J A H (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London, Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT OF BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. apl

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

BRETHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Heje.—Meichers & Co.,

WANDERING MINSTER, British barque, Capt. Sloewright.—Captain.

LAROS, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.—Edward Schellhass & Co.

NEWMAN GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford—Moyer & Co.

CHARLOTTE LEA, British barque, Capt. A. L. Winter.—Butterfield & Swire.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt. A. H. Kronke.—Wieder & Co.

GOULD FLEET, British barque, Capt. James Wilshire.—Gilmans & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTE TO THE EXTRADINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 29, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held to-day.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1879.

By Order,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

To-day's Advertisements.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Hindostan*, Captain T. S. Gardner, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1879. fel7

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 8, B. P. Watson, American barque, Hawkins, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Jan. 10, Coal.—Butterfield & Swire.

March 9, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395, R. Cullen, Amoy March 8, General—Russell & Co.

March 9, *Churnam*, British ship, 1886, H. Beale, Lisbon Nov. 9, Coal—Mississippi Maritimes.

March 9, *China*, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

March 9, *Republic*, American ship, 1301, J. H. Holmes, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Jan. 10, Coal.—C. T. Gardner, Calcutta Feb. 17, General—Russell & Co.

March 9, *Golden Fleece*, British barque, 898, James Wilshire, Cape Town Dec. 5, General—Gilmans & Co.

March 10, *Thibet*, British steamer, 1671, J. H. Torbeck, Bombay Feb. 18, Galle, Penang, and Singapore, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

March 10, *Seiki*, Japanese man-of-war, 890, R. Inouye, Manila March 6.

March 10, *Hindostan*, British steamer, 991, T. S. Gardner, Calcutta Feb. 19, Penang, and Singapore March 1, 1,737 chest Opium, 2,601 bales Cotton, 1,473 bags Saltpetre, 90 bags Soap, 103 bags Cutchuck, 80 cases Castor Oil, 121 cases Sandries, and 2 cases Treasure (\$8,000).—DAVID SASOON, Sons & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 9, Ocean, for Melbourne, etc.

9, Amoy, for Canton.

9, Johann Smith, for Whampoa.

9, Humboldt, for Manila.

9, Helene, for Honolulu.

10, Sag, for Labuan.

10, China, for Shanghai.

10, Esmeralda, for Manila.

10, Tartar, for Whampoa.

10, Kirkland, for Chefoo.

10, Holstein, for Hamburg.

10, H. M. S. Himalaya, for Singapore.

CLEARED.

Mignon, for Honolulu.

Douglas, for Coast Ports.

Olympia, for Manila.

Victoria, for Manila.

Eve, for Chefoo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Thibet*, from Singapore, &c., Mr and Mrs J. M. Brito, 2 children and 2 ayahs, Mrs Thebaud, 2 children and nurse, Messrs R. D. McKie, Harbina, Hopkins, Alexander, and G. Paton, and 59 Chinese, and 1 ayah.

Per *Hindostan*, from Calcutta, &c., Sir Thomas Wade and male servant, Lady Wade and maid, Miss Herschel, Mr and Mrs Cameron and maid, Mrs Taylor, Mr MacMahon and male servant, Mr Davidson, Mr and Mrs Jutiah, 2 children and servants, and 213 Deck.

Per *Esmeralda*, from Amoy, 169 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Tanais*, for Yokohama : from Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Muir, Mr J. Bulgin, and 2 Japanese ; from Marseilles, Mrs Kirkwood, and Mr Joutain ; from Naples, Mr Bellerine, from Singapore, Messrs Llegor, and Scholes.

Per *Amazon*, for Shanghai : from Hongkong, Messrs Lucas, Beebe, H. H. Nelson, A. Andro, Thompson, Lent, and Sasseur, and Chief Justice French ; from Marseilles, Mr Burmeister, Mrs and Miss French, Mgr. Dalaplace, Fairhers Grandidier, Papot, Mayer, and Salette, Sisters Louise, Gabriele, Julie, Sophie, and Therese.

Per *Ocean*, for Brisbane, Mr F. J. C. Wildash.—for Cocktown, 2 Europeans Steerage, for Australia and New Zealand, 47 Chinese.

Per *Esmeralda*, for Manila, Messrs T. Langstroth, J. R. de Rivera, V. Lopez, N. H. Palmer, and Chas. Germann.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American barque *B. P. Watson* reports : Sailed from Newcastle (N.S.W.) Jan. 10th, 1879, from thence to 18 S. fresh variable winds ; thence to 8 S. light Northward and Westerly winds, current setting S.E. at times 80 miles per day.

Crossed the Equator in 138 deg. E., N.E. trades light and variable until nearly to the Bassas Channel, from thence strong North and North-easterly winds to port.

The British steamer *Hindostan* reports : From Singapore to 11 North light variable winds and fine weather, from thence to lat. 13 North strong northerly gales with heavy seas up to lat. 18. Afterwards moderate N.E. monsoon and fine weather, with high N.E. swell to arrival (eased down during the night on account of fog).

The British steamer *Esmeralda* reports : Light moonsoon with cloudy weather.

The British barque *Golden Fleece* reports : Fine weather and good winds from Cape Town to the Onslow passage, since which a succession of calms and heavy squalls. Had no N.W. monsoon at all until in the Bassas Channel, when it blew a fresh N.E. gale.

The British steamer *Thibet* reports : Met strong monsoon on 8th inst., lasted until evening of 8th.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For KOKOHAMA.—

Per China, at 3:30 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

For BANGKOK.—

Per Dale, at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Adria, at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

Per Thibet, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst. Late letters received from 6.10 to 6.30, with 10 cents late fee.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For SWATOW.—

Per Yafung, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, (Carrying Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi).—

Per Conquest, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 11th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Geelong*, will be despatched on SATURDAY,

the 15th Inst., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton;

to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.

Auction.

11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *James Shepherd* must be sent in to the Agents before Noon.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, March 12:—

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John's Lodge.

FRIDAY, March 14:—

Goods per *Amazone* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

J. Bradlee Smith (secretary),—representing about 750 shares.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—You have just heard read the notice convening this meeting, the objects of which have been before you for some time past in the daily papers, and before submitting to you the Resolution embodying these proposed alterations. I would like to make a few remarks in regard to them. The first clause refers to the change in the future management of the Company, which is to be in the hands of the Directors and Secretary, and by this arrangement a very material saving in the working expenses will be made, which will no doubt meet with the entire satisfaction of the shareholders.

Clauses No. 2 and 3 explain themselves fully, but I might mention that the Directors were induced to propose having this matter placed entirely in their hands so that, should the business of the Company not warrant the payment of 12 per cent interest per annum, they might be in a position to fix a lesser rate so as to avoid encroaching upon the Reserve Fund, unless it was in the opinion of the Board very desirable to do so, in which case it would be well to have the authority from the shareholders so to do.

It is of course understood that whenever the profits of the Company admit the full rate of 12 per cent interest per annum will be paid against the Company's shares. Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 require no special mention beyond the fact that a given notice of 14 days will be much more convenient than the present fixed notice of 60 days.

Clause No. 6: With regard to this proposed alteration I beg to say that, as the Company's Deed of Settlement now stands, no Special Resolution, with a view to altering any of the Articles of Association can be brought forward unless there are at least 500 shares of the Company's stock represented at such meeting, which number it is not always practicable to get together within a reasonable time owing to the fact of the shares of the Company being so widely distributed; so the Directors suggest that the matter of altering the Articles of Association, as circumstances may warrant, be governed by the Company's Ordinance No. 1 of 1865, which I doubt will meet with your approval.

Clause No. 7:—This clause refers to the new copy of the Company's Deed of Settlement, in which is embodied the various alterations as already given, together with several unimportant alterations consequent upon the changes in the management of the Company in future.

Before putting the resolutions I shall be glad to answer any questions (a pause). I beg now to put before you the Resolutions in full.

- That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.
- That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to Warrant the Payment of Interest at \$12 per cent, per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may, during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.
- That it shall be lawful for the Board from time to time to appropriate any portion of the reserve fund for the payment of interest on capital.
- That when there shall be profits applicable for dividend, the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.
- That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.
- That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Association of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.
- That the printed Articles or Regulations marked A hereunto annexed embodying the alterations in the Regulations of the Company authorized by the preceding Special Resolutions, be in future the Articles of Association of the Company to the exclusion of all other Regulations heretofore in force.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed that the Special Resolution be adopted.

Mr DEACON said he had great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the resolutions proposed. Most of them were necessitated by the change in the general management of the Company from a Board and Managers to a Board and Secretary, while the others were rendered necessary by the altered state of business relations in China. The resolution respecting the discretionary powers of the Directors to pay \$12 per cent. interest was one that would be very satisfactory to the majority of the shareholders.

The resolutions were unanimously carried.

The CHAIRMAN, having thanked the shareholders for their attendance and said there was no further business before them, informed them that a meeting to confirm their present action would be held in a fortnight, and by that time the new Articles would be printed.

This closed the proceedings.

Macao.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:

The procession of the Cross, which was to take place at Macao on Sunday, the 2nd inst., having been postponed in consequence of unpropitious weather to Sunday last, another excursion started from Hongkong last Saturday at 6.30 p.m. in the steamer *Powen*, which vessel was well dressed with flowers and evergreens.

Owing to the convenience of both the hour of departure and that of the return trip, about 500 people availed themselves of the opportunity and joined the excursion, which was one of the most enjoyable we experienced, nothing having occurred to mar the contentment of the pleasure-seekers. The weather both ways was all that could be desired, and the fine steamer of the Company was so "spicely, only an immoveable floating palace," where every comfort could be found.

The procession was formed at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, and was an imposing as that of last week; the number of devotees that took part on the present occasion far surpasses those of the former years, the Hongkong people greatly increasing the crowd. The procession, following the usual itinerary, reached St. Agostinho Church at about 6 p.m., when the Rev. Dr. Carvalho preached a rather lengthy but very touching and eloquent sermon. At about 8 o'clock all

their temporary houses for dinner, leaving an hour afterwards for Hongkong, amidst the cheers of their friends they left behind and the firing of crackers and blue lights at the wharf, where a band of music contributed not a little to enliven the occasion.

Police Intelligent (Both Magistrates Sittings)

10th March, 1879.

ASSAULT.

Sung Acheng, a hawker, was convicted of an aggravated assault upon one John Noon, a seaman on board of H.M.S. *Fly*, and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

LARCENY.

Chen Afuk, a coolie, for stealing some entrails, of the value of 10 cents, was sentenced to four months' hard labour. There was a previous conviction for larceny against him.

EXCISE ORDINANCE (OPIUM), 1858-1879.

Li Chuk Sing, a shopkeeper, was charged at the instance of See Aloy, one of the Excise Officers appointed under the above Ordinance, for retailing prepared Opium without a license. After a careful investigation of the case, the Magistrate fined the accused \$100 or six weeks' hard labour, in addition to forfeiture of the Opium, which however did not amount to much, there being only about one-tenth weight of it. One half of the fine if paid, as well as the confiscated Opium, were ordered to be given to the Farmer.

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

Lin Asing, a chair cooler, was convicted and sent to three months' hard labour for stealing a hat left by the person of Wan Asing at the Recreation Ground yesterday.

AN OLD "SINNER."

Chan Akin, describing himself as a mendicant and aged 51 years, was convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour for stealing three catties of fish from one Wong Achan. The prisoner was identified as having been convicted of a similar offence at the latest end of last year.

THE "KATE WATERS" MURDER.

This case is likely to be further adjourned. It was remanded until to-day, but owing to the pressure of work in the Court it had not been commenced when our Reporter left.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The other cases before the Magistrates consisted chiefly of unlicensed hawking, and selling marketable things in the Streets in contravention of the Markets Ordinance.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Thibet*, Captain J. H. Torbeck, from Bombay 18th, Calcutta 24th, and Penang 28th ulto., and Singapore 3rd Inst., with the London mail of the 31st January, arrived this forenoon.

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times)

The Times in a leading article announces that there is reason to believe that the South African Colonies will adopt a system of federal Government.

London, Feb. 27.—The extraordinary cost of £1,000,000 asked for on account of the Zulu War was unanimously carried. The Naval Estimates for the year amount to 10½ millions, being a decrease of 1½ millions.

London, Feb. 28.—Her Majesty the Queen will visit Italy, incognito, at the end of March, making a short stay at Lago Maggiore.

Later news from the Cape is dated 11th February and reports that the British still remain on the defensive—the frontier is quiet—the colours of the 24th Regiment have been recovered—and the Boers of the Transvaal refuse to assist the British.

(From Indian Papers.)

London, Feb. 15.—Consists at 96½, being a rise of £ upon previous quotations.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—A Manifesto has been issued by the Czar which rectifies the definitive Treaty of Peace signed on the 8th instant. Orders have been given for the withdrawal of the troops.

London, Feb. 17.—Advices from the Cape announce that Colonel Pearson, commandant of Natal and commanding centre column, is safely established at Eshowe. No hostile Zulus are in Natal.

The Times has an article this morning urging the simultaneous reduction of British troops and the native army in India.

London, Feb. 17.—General Lord Napier of Magdala has been summoned to London and has arrived.

The Secretary of State for War, in replying to a question, said that Government did not intend despatching any Indian troops to the Cape.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said, in replying to a question, that a loan of £4,000,000 to the Indian Government will not be proposed until after the budget is presented and must be the subject of a special bill.

Calcutta, Feb. 17.—Zaid Bin Mohammed is continuing his political aggressions on the Katesh coast of the Persian Gulf. The measures taken by the Turkish Government to stop them have failed.

The Home Government have thanked the Indian Government for their offer of troops to proceed to the Cape. They expressed gratification at the readiness and ability of India to help; at the same time Her Majesty's Government have not availed themselves at present of the proffered contingent.

London, Feb. 18.—At the county of Cork election the Home Rule candidate, Colonel O'Court, was returned by a large majority in the place of the deceased member, Mr. McCarthy Downing.

The strike at Liverpool amongst the dock labourers has come to an end.

Calcutta, Feb. 18.—The discharged officers made an armed demonstration to-day, demanding the arrears of their pay. The President of the Council of Ministers was wounded and Mr. Rivers Wilson was insulted. The rioters were dispersed by the military.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—The German Parliament has rejected by a large majority the proposal of Government to prosecute two Socialist deputies who, after having been

London, Feb. 20.—The latest news from the Cape is that the column under Colonel Evelyn Wood of Utrecht, Wakkerstroom district, was attacked on the 24th ultimo by a force of four thousand Zulus. The engagement resulted in a victory for our troops, with but trifling loss. Enemy were completely scattered. Colonel Wood is now falling back upon Utrecht. The first reinforcements for the Cape have started.

The Times of this morning again urges the reduction of the armed forces of the Indian native Princes, which it asserts are wholly out of proportion to their necessities. The acquisition of a satisfactory frontier, according to the article, justifies such a step being taken.

It is announced that Lord Napier of Magdala has arrived in London merely to attend Parliament.

Aden, Feb. 20.—The *Nizam*, with the outward Mallis of the 6th instant, left for Bombay at eight o'clock last night.

London, Feb. 20.—Correction: The native army mentioned in the Times article of the 17th instant, referred especially to the armament of Native Princes.

Alexandria, Feb. 20.—The President of Council of Ministry has resigned.

Rangoon, Feb. 20.—It is reported that the King of Burmah has murdered all the Princes and their families, and also that he has replaced the old ones.

Calcutta, Feb. 21.—There has been a wholesale execution of the palace and prison relatives, male and female, of the late King of Burmah by order of the present King, who seems to be displaying a sudden

The widow of the late King are, it is feared, included in the late slaughter, which is causing great alarm. The Manday Resident has been exerting himself to reinstate against these acts, but it is doubtful whether his protests will be effective. He has no means of ascertaining what is going on.

THE AFGHAN CAMPAIGN.

Gulistan Karez, Feb. 20.—Besides Friend, who died last night, Private Wardall died this afternoon. The rest are doing well. The bodies of the five Gazies are to be buried this evening. General Nuttall for sanitary reasons removed his camp to-day half a mile further from the city. News has been received from the Herat road that General Lay with two battalions had fallen back one march. The rest of General Biddulph's force is remaining in the advance position. No news has come from General Stewart, but he is expected here in two days. A report of the Amer's murder has been received here, but it is much doubted in the best quarter.

Kohat, Feb. 21.—On Thursday last General Roberts ordered Mr McPherson, the correspondent of the Standard to leave the column on account of criticisms in that paper on the 2nd of January, Mr McPherson regards this as vindictive on the General's part, and states that he closed the wires to prevent him (Mr McPherson) explaining. General Roberts charges that the statements in the Standard were false and coloured. McPherson replied fully, but his explanation was disregarded. He considers that this is an unscrupulous attempt to stifle free criticism, and he asserts that the whole correspondence of the London and Indian Press is now in the hands of General Robert's personal staff. Mr McPherson states that he never sent a line of criticism, and regrets telegraph (telegram) from Rawal Finedar. Before dismissing him from the camp, General Roberts appointed an Aide-de-Camp correspondent to the Standard.

Kandahar, Feb. 21.—Major Sandeman is expected here on Saturday to arrange with General Stewart the details of the scheme to open up the new road from Pishin to Moortan through the Pathan country, by this route General Biddulph's force remains, and he expects to start from Pishin to Moortan in three weeks. The British troops remain here for the summer are the 60th and the 89th, with the Royal Artillery, except the G-4 and a Mountain Battery.

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London, Feb. 21.—The extra-classed in larceny from a dwelling house and burglary, but these were classed together. A very small proportion of these were burglaries I fancy. Larcenies too, increased in 1876.

"Hon. T. C. Hayllar.—When you quote statistics the first thing is to know the key, if you say in 1871 two classes of offences were classed as burglary, you might make any sort of inference."

"Mr Creagh—I don't say they are classed as burglary. I say they are classed together; they are both put down together, so that you cannot say how many there were of each; now last year I separated them; of course larceny in a dwelling house is a different thing from burglary." (pp. 53 and 54.)

It is indeed, as very different a thing that, when we find that it has been a very long established practice in the police to class them together" (p. 54), the fact goes a long way to shake confidence in the police returns as statistics.

INCREASE OF CRIME.

24.—Taking, however, the tables as they stand for the past ten years, and allowing a like average of deductions each year for false reports, slightness of the nature of offences classed as serious, and the like, it is impossible to resist the conclusion that crime on the whole has been increasing since the year 1874.

25.—The causes of this increase are purely conjectural. The steady increment of the population as suggested by Mr Deane in his already quoted letter, "doubtless accounts for much. Famine and floods on the mainland and consequent destitution may also have had considerable effect as suggested by Mr Creagh in his annual report for 1877. Mr Creagh also attributes some of the increase to salt smuggling, which, in his opinion, has in recent times brought into the colony a set of desperate men often armed to the teeth, who have no honest means of getting a living and who "in the natural course of things would take to other crimes." (p. 55 and 55.) Gambling, also, which is an offence which becomes at times very rife and is with great difficulty suppressed, is beyond question a fruitful source of crime. The insufficiently guarded streets of the town at night has, in the opinion of the Committee, probably had more to do with the increase in some classes of offences than any other cause, and it is of course possible that an ungrounded belief in the total abolition of corporal punishment may have, for a time, influenced the growth of others. (App. pp. xvi and xvii.)

THE WING LOK STREET ATTACK.

26.—The Wing Lok Street case (an account of which appears in the Appendix, p. ii, et seq.), which was certainly a very exceptional one, and could not have been anticipated in addition to, and not in substitution for imprisonment. When so used, the Committee think the system may, on the whole, be of utility, and recommend its continuance. If, as is believed by some competent judges, 50 per cent of deported men leave the Colony not to return, some going to the mainland and some to Singapore or Australia, this Colony must need benefit by their absence, however undesirable such visitors may be considered in the Colonies they may select for their future abode. (p. 57 and 77.)

But if, as Mr Creagh thinks, the half that "stay here are the worst of the lot," people who "dare not go to their own homes," who "loiter about our borders and wait to commit raids," (see also the evidence of Inspector Grimes, p. 77,) the Committee can only regret that for a scheme so imperfect in its operation cannot be substituted the system of transportation.

His Excellency the Governor ineffectually attempted to introduce.

The Committee wish to add that they see no reason to believe that deportation has been of late unduly relaxed (p. 27), although it has not been carried out to the excess which prevailed during the earlier days of the Colony.

LIGHT AND PASS SYSTEMS.

28.—The Committee approve of Mr Deane's suggestion in his Memo of the 12th October last (Appendix, p. ix) with respect to the advisability of limiting the hours for enforcing the pass system until the large audiences of the Chinese theatres now open every night have had time to get home; they would also extend the same concession to the carrying of lights; but they think that instead of the hours for the enforcement of the law commencing as proposed, from midnight, they should be from 11 p.m. to gunfire, and that in return for this concession proprietors of the Chinese theatres should be requested to close them at half-past ten. The enforcement of either the pass or light system while the streets maintain the crowded condition they are in during the time the theatres are discharging their audiences, is an absolute impossibility. Under existing circumstances the evasion of the law, and unavoidable slackness in enforcing it, are

men were armed. But not only was the land force in the immediate neighbourhood of the attack thus very weak, it also unfortunately happened that in order to fill the place of 18 time-expired Indians, who had, according to custom, got a fortnight's leave of absence before their retirement from the force, two boats' crews belonging to the Water Police had been withdrawn to do duty on shore. This arrangement which, as appears from the order to Inspector Grimes, had been in force since 2nd September, had taken away four Europeans and sixteen Chinese from their regular duties, so that the night being divided into two watches, two boats at a time were taken off their beat; and as a result the harbour on the Victoria side had been left during the night for about three weeks under the guardianship of two boats only, and these in charge of Chinese instead of Europeans; one of which did duty from the Slaughter House to Puddar's Wharf and the other from Peddar's Wharf to Jardine's. The Water Police also was thus dangerously weakened; and as



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